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THE RESURRECTION.

A

SACRED ORATORIO;

As it is performed at the

THEATRE-ROYAL

IN

COVENT-GARDEN.

THE MUSIC BY

MR. ARNOLD.

O GRAVE! where is *thy* Victory?
O DEATH! where is *thy* Sting?
ST. PAUL's 1 EP. COR. 15, 55.

Conamur *tenues* GRANDIA!
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THE ARGUMENT.

THE reader of this compilation will please to consider it as a supposed act of worship of the *Apostles*, after the *ascension* of our blessed *Lord*.

In order to give room for that variety so essentially necessary in an entertainment consisting entirely of *sacred* music, the piece opens with the joy of the *Disciples*, and with their gratulations to the house of *Israel*: from their own situation, exposed to the hatred and persecution of many powerful enemies, they are led to reflect on the uncertainty of human life, and to express their entire trust and confidence in *God*, for their support under the many difficulties and distresses, with which they were sure to meet, in the course of the *ministry* they were now about to enter on.

A review of the *principal* ſcenes of our bleſſed *Lord's paſſion*, of their own conſequent deſpondence, and of the notice of his *reſurrection* by the Angel, then follows. Order gives way to the ecſtacy and tranſports of joy which the recollection of this great event excites: their praiſes to *God* on this moſt happy and important *occaſion*, bring on a review of the promis'd bleſſings of the *Meſſiah's Kingdom*. Hence ariſes a natural tranſition of *our own* final *Reſurrection*, as the conſequence of *that* of *our* bleſſed *Lord* and *Redeemer*.

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THE

THE RESURRECTION.

AN ORATORIO.

PART THE FIRST.

RECITATIVE.

THE Lord *is in the midſt of thee, O Zion! He hath not taken away thy judgments: the* Lord God *will ſave: he will rejoice over thee with joy: thou ſhalt not ſee evil any more.*

Say ye to them that are of a fearful heart, Be ſtrong! Fear not! Behold your God!

AIR.

Awake! awake! put on thy ſtrength, O *Zion!* put on thy beautiful garments, O *Jeruſalem!* thou holy city!

CHORUS.

Sing, O ye *Heav'ns!* and be joyful, O earth! for the *Lord* hath comforted his people; and all the ends of the earth ſhall ſee the *Salvation* of our *God!*

AIR.

Altho' the fig-tree ſhall not bloſſom, nor ſhall fruit be in the vines; altho' the fields ſhall yield no meat, and the flock be cut off from the fold, yet will I rejoice in the *Lord*---I will joy in the *God* of my *Salvation.*

CHORUS.

Sing unto the *Lord,* for he hath done excellent things!

Cry aloud, and ſhout, for great is the *Holy One* of *Iſrael* in the midſt of *Thee!*

RECITATIVE.

Behold, the Lord's *arm is not ſhortened that he cannot ſave; he will ſwallow up death in victory: the* Lord God *will wipe away tears from all faces; the work of righteouſneſs ſhall be peace; and the effect of righteouſneſs, confidence and aſſurance for ever.*

AIR.

Lo! *this* is our *God!* we have waited for him, and he will ſave us; *this* is the *Lord!* we have waited for him.

RECITATIVE *accompanied.*

Man that is born of a woman hath but a ſhort time to live, and is full of miſery: he cometh up, and is cut down like a flower: he fleeth as it were a ſhadow, and never continueth in one ſtay!

AIR.

In the midſt of life we are in death; of whom may we ſeek for ſuccour, but of *thee,* O *Lord?*

CHORUS.

O teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wiſdom.

RECITATIVE.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou *art* God *from everlaſting.*

AIR.

Tho' I walk through the valley of the ſhadow of *death,* I will fear no evil, for *thou* art with me.

RECITATIVE.

Thou ſhalt not leave my ſoul in Hell; neither ſhalt thou ſuffer thy Holy One *to ſee corruption.*

AIR.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced; my fleſh alſo ſhall reſt in hope.

Thou ſhalt ſhew me the path of life; in *thy* preſence is the fullneſs of joy; and at *thy* right hand there are pleaſures for evermore.

CHORUS.

CHORUS.

All fleſh is as graſs, and all the glory of man as the flower of the field: the graſs withereth, the flower fadeth;

But the word of the *Lord* ſhall ſtand faſt for ever.

END OF THE FIRST PART.

PART

PART THE SECOND.

CHORUS.

GIRD thee with thy ſword upon thy thigh, *O Thou moſt Mighty!* according to *thy* worſhip and renown!

Thy ſeat, *O God!* endureth for ever,

RECITATIVE.

All things were made by him, *yet was he made* fleſh, *and dwelt among us*; *and we beheld* his *glory*; *the glory as of* the only begotten of the Father, *full of* grace *and* truth.

AIR.

O, come hither, and behold the works of *God!* how wonderful *he* is in his doings towards the children of men!

CHORUS.

CHORUS.

Great and marvellous are *thy* works, *O Lord God Almighty!*

Juſt and true are *thy* ways, *O King of Saints!*

RECITATIVE.

He, whom heaven *and the* heaven of heavens *cannot contain, took on himſelf the form of a* Servant, *and was made a ſacrifice for the ſins of the world!* Jeſus Chriſt! *the ſame yeſterday, to day, and for ever.*

AIR.

Righteouſneſs and equity are the habitation of *thy* ſeat! Mercy and truth ſhall go before *thy* face.

RECITATIVE.

He was in the world, but the world knew him not: he came unto his own, but his own received him not.

AIR.

He was oppreſſed, and was afflicted; yet he opened not his mouth: he was taken from priſon, and from judgment, and cut off from the land of the living.

RECITATIVE *accompanied.*

They plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and a reed in his hand; and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying,

CHORUS.

"HAIL! KING OF THE JEWS."

RECITATIVE.

They ſpit on him, and ſmote him on the head; and gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall.

CHORUS.

And they *crucified* him.

AIR.

Shall they eſcape for their wickedneſs? Thou, O *God,* in *thy* diſpleaſure, ſhalt caſt them down.

AIR.

Father, forgive them; they know not what they do.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

Behold! the earth did quake! the rocks were rent, and the ſun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

CHORUS.

Truly, *this* was the *Son of God.*

RECITATIVE.

The ſtone which the builders refuſed is become the head-ſtone in the corner: this *is the* Lord's *doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

AIR.

Even ſo, *Lord God Almighty,* true and righteous are *thy* judgments; thou haſt ſet *thy* glory above the Heavens.

RECITATIVE *accompanied.*

When you glorify the Lord, *exalt him as much as you can: for even yet will he far exceed; and when you exalt him, put forth all your ſtrength, and be not weary, for you can never go far enough.*

CHORUS.

Salvation to our *God*, who ſitteth on the throne; and unto the *Lamb*.

Let us be glad, and rejoice, and give honour to him; for the marriage of the *Lamb* is come.

END OF THE SECOND PART.

PART

PART THE THIRD.

RECITATIVE and AIR.

SEEK ye not the living among the dead; the *Lord* is riſen, and become the firſt fruits of them that ſlept.

RECITATIVE, *accompanied.*

O God, *when* thou *wenteſt forth, the earth trembled, the very foundation of the hills ſhook at* thy *preſence; the voice of* thy *thunder was heard round about; the light'nings ſhone upon the ground; the earth was moved and ſhook withal.*

AIR.

Let *God* ariſe, and let his *enemies* be ſcatter'd; but, let thy *ſervants* be merry and joyful.

CHORUS.

This is the day which the *Lord* hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

RECITATIVE.

The kings of the earth ſhall kneel before him, his enemies ſhall lick the duſt.

AIR.

O worſhip the *Lord* in the beauty of holineſs; let the whole earth ſtand in awe of him,

CHORUS.

All nations whom thou haſt made, ſhall come and worſhip thee, *O Lord*, and ſhall glorify thy name; for *thou* art great, and doſt wond'rous things; *thou* art *God* alone.

RECITATIVE.

When the Son of Man *ſhall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with* him, *he ſhall ſit on the throne of his glory.*

RECI-

RECITATIVE, *accompanied.*

Then ſhall the wicked ſay unto the mountains, "*Fall on us! hide us from the face of* him *that ſitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the* lamb.

AIR.

For the day of his wrath is come; and who ſhall be able to ſtand?

CHORUS.

Thou! even thou art to be feared! and who may ſtand in *thy* ſight when *thou* art angry?

RECITATIVE.

Behold, the Lord *will create new heavens and a new earth; and, the former ſhall not be remember'd nor come into mind: the* Lord *will rejoice in his people, and the voice of weeping ſhall be heard no more.*

AIR.

Violence no more ſhall be heard in thy land; waſting nor deſtruction within thy borders:

The wolf and the lamb ſhall feed together, and the lion ſhall eat ſtraw like the ox.

RECI-

RECITATIVE.

The Lord himſelf *ſhall deſcend from heaven with a ſhout, with the voice of the arch-angel, with the trump of* God; *and the dead in* Chriſt *ſhall riſe, and be caught up together to meet the* Lord; *and ſo ſhall we be ever with the* Lord!

AIR.

The *Sun* ſhall be no more thy light by day, neither for brightneſs ſhall the *Moon* give light to thee;

But the *Lord* ſhall be unto thee an everlaſting light, and thy *God* thy glory!

RECITATIVE.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden cauſeth the things that are ſown in it to ſpring forth, ſo the Lord God *will cauſe righteouſneſs to ſpring forth in the midſt of his people!*

TRIO.

O praiſe the *Lord* with me!
And let us magnify his name together!

CHORUS.

CHORUS.

Holy! Holy! Holy!
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!
Which was, and is, and is to come!

AIR.

Who ſhall not fear *thee, O Lord!*
And glorify *thy* name!

GRAND CHORUS.

Bleſſed be the *Lord God* of *Iſrael*, from everlaſting to everlaſting:

And let all the people ſay, AMEN.

FINIS.

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